

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-10, 13, and 19-23 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 11 and 15 have been amended herein and claim 24 has been newly added. Thus, claims 11, 12, 14-18, and 24 are presently pending, with claims 11 and 15 being independent.

Applicant wishes to express its appreciation for the interview conducted on January 11, 2008, and thank the Examiner for his time and consideration given during that interview. It is noted that claims 11, 15, and 24 were discussed during the interview, including proposed amendments to independent claims 11 and 15. The proposed amendments, with minor editorial changes, are presented herein.

It was agreed during the interview, that the proposed amendments (referred to above) overcome the prior art rejections presented in the Action of October 30, 2007. Applicant is submitting this Amendment contemporaneously with a Request for Continued Examination.

It is respectfully submitted that the invention recited in amended independent claims 11 and 15 is allowable over the prior art references of record. The dependent claims depend, either directly or indirectly, from these independent claims and recite additional features of the invention not shown or suggested in the prior art.

Therefore, the present application should now be in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (800) 445-3460.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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